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Examiner : Not Yet Assigned

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For : HEAT GENERATING APPARATUS USING ELECTROMAGNETIC  
INDUCTION

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98,  
Applicants call to the Examiner's attention the following documents:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 8-22206, which was published  
on January 23, 1996, discussed on page 2 of the specification, together with patent family  
member U.S. Patent No. 5,801,359 to MANO et al., which issued on September 1, 1998;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2001-318546, which was published  
on November 16, 2001, together with an English language Abstract of the same;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2002-82549, which was published on  
March 22, 2002, together with an English language Abstract of the same; and

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2000-184698, which was published  
on June 30, 2000, together with patent family member U.S. Patent No. 6,130,826 to  
MATSUMOTO, which issued on October 10, 2000.

Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the  
requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(i), copies of the U.S. patents are not enclosed

herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents are attached and all of the documents have been listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicants also bring to the Examiner's attention the following co-pending, commonly assigned patent applications:

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/386,196 to SHIMIZU et al., entitled "Heating Device Using Electromagnetic Induction and Fuser," which was filed on March 11, 2003;

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/779,615 to ASAKURA et al., entitled "Image Heating Device," which was filed on February 18, 2004;

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/765,918 to NONAKA et al., entitled "Electric Power Apparatus, Electromagnetic Induction Fixing Apparatus and Image Forming Apparatus Using the Same," which was filed on January 29, 2004; and

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/757,988 to MONDA et al., entitled "Heating Device and Fuser Utilizing Electromagnetic Induction," which was filed on January 16, 2004.

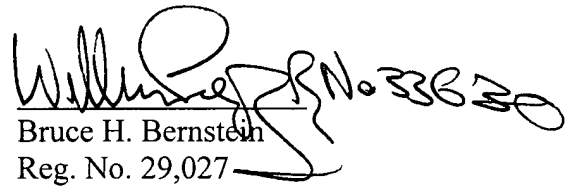
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(iii), copies of the above-noted applications are attached hereto. However, the Examiner is also requested to review the

file wrappers of these patent applications at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the references of record, if any, cited therein.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the instant application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

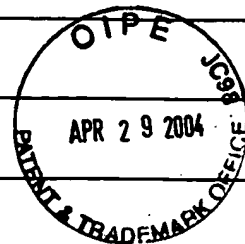
Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,  
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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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